

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 10/748,584 : PATENT APPLICATION

In re application of: :  
**Ralf Neuhaus**

Filed: December 30, 2003 : **SYSTEM FOR SWITCHING,**  
**CONTROLLING PROGRAMMING AND**  
Examiner: Angelica Perez : **OPERATING COMMUNICATION**  
**DEVICES**

Group Art Unit: 2618 :

Confirmation No.: 8952 :

Attorney Docket No.: 2000P24056WOUS :

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219  
February 18, 2010

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Commissioner:

In response to the restriction requirement issued on January 22, 2010, Applicant elects the species shown in Figure 3 with traverse. Claims 25-39 are directed to the species of Figure 3.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement. There is no significant searching burden involved in the Examination of both species shown in Figures 3 and 4. The present application has been examined since 2007. No restriction requirement was issued until January 22, 2010 in the examination of the present application.

The searching conducted by the Examiner is not burdened in any way by searching for both species shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4. Indeed, the Examiner has already conducted such searching in issuing prior office actions.